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SUBJECT: US- PRC EXCHANGES

REFERENCES: PARIS 5806, 9154, STATE 64483

PLEASE CONVEY TO PRC EMBASSY FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS ON US BASKETBALL AND SWIMMING TEAMS.

WE ASSUME AS YOU DO THAT OUR RECENT MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT MAY HAVE CROSSED. WE CAN NOW ADD THE FOLLOWING TO OUR LAST REPORT:

1. WE PROPOSE TO SEND THE MEN' S AMATEUR BASKETBALL TEAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES ( UCLA) AND A TOP WOMEN' S AMATEUR BASKETBALL TEAM. THE UCLA TEAM HAS JUST WON THE NCAA ( NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION) CHAMPIONSHIP, AND IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS BY FAR THE BEST AMATEUR MEN' S TEAM IN THE COUNTRY.

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2. PLAYERS ON THESE TEAMS MUST COMPLETE THEIR COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS IN EARLY JUNE, AND WE REGRET IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE AN ARRIVAL IN MAY. THE TWO TEAMS COULD ARRIVE TOGETHER IN CHINA ON OR ABOUT JUNE 16. WE HOPE THAT SUCH AN ARRIVAL WILL BE CONVENIENT TO THE ALL CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION.

3. WE NOTE THAT THE INVITATION FROM THE ALL CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION CONTAINED IN PARIS 5806 SPOKE OF A VISIT OF THREE WEEKS FOR THE BASKETBALL TEAMS. PARIS 9154 SPEAKS OF A STAY OF TWO WEEKS. OUR TEAMS WILL OF COURSE FOLLOW THE WISHES OF NG CONDITIONS. GOR WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR THE CURATOR COSTS FOR NEXT U. S. EXHIBIT UNDER ARTICLE VI.1 (PRESUMABLY IN AUTUMN 1973 OR WHENEVER WE USE OUR NEXT OPTION TO SEND EXHIBIT UNDER ARTICLE VI.1). (FYI: N. B. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN OPTION FOR YOU TO "RAISE IN 1973 QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT OF LIVING EXPENSES AND INTERNAL TRAVEL COSTS FOR CURATORS" (ARTICLE II. B OF IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS) AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO COMPLETELY WITHDRAW FROM RECIPROCAL PAYMENT OF THESE EXPENSES. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY IF YOU BELIEVE IT COULD LEAD TO COMPLICATION OF SETTLEMENT INTERNAL (U. S.) TRANSPORT COSTS ISSUE FOR ROMANIAN FINE ARTS. END FYI).

D. MIXTURE OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS PERTAINING TO EXHIBITS TO BE SENT AND RECEIVED UNDER ARTICLE VI.1 (ROMANIAN FINE ARTS) AND ARTICLE VI.2 (AMON CARTER) IS A ONE- TIME EXPEDIENT AND SHOULD BY NO MEANS BE REGARDED AS A PRECEDENT. WE ARE DOING THIS IN SPIRIT OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT AS SPECIFIC MEANS TO MAINTAIN THE FAVORABLE MOMENTUM OF OUR CULTURAL RELATIONS ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD BE DISRUPTED IF ROMANIANS ARE FORCED TO CANCEL SENDING THE FINE ARTS EXHIBIT.

E. COUNCIL SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT THIS TRADE- OFF ON INTERNAL TRANSPORT COSTS MAY NOT BE INTERPRETED BY EITHER SIDE AS AGREEMENT TO ALLOW ONE OR THE OTHER TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON SUBJECT MATTER OF EXHIBITS UNDER ARTICLE VI.1. WE SHOULD OBTAIN IN THIS CONNECTION A FIRM AND SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING, AS NOTED REFTEL B, PARA 4, THAT SUBJECT MATTER OF EXHIBITS UNDER ARTICLE VI.1 NOT RESTRICTED TO "ART CATEGORY." YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT LANGUAGE AND PREVIOUS INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE VI.1 (VIZ. "THE THEMES FOR THE EXHIBITS... WILL BE DETERMINED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.") STILL STANDS AND SEEK ASSURANCES -- IF YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY -- THAT COUNCIL DOES NOT INTEND TO RESTRICT EXHIBITS TO "ART" CATEGORY.

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2. PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONS AND TALKING POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE  
DO NOT TOUCH ON REFERENCE IN GOR NOTE VERBALE OF MARCH 24  
TO " UNCLEAR ARTICLES OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS FOR EXCHANGE  
OF EXHIBITS" ( PARA 3, REFTEL B). ASIDE FROM TECHNICALLY  
INCORRECT REFERENCE TO " ANNEX OF ROMANIAN- AMERICAN CULTURAL  
AGREEMENT FOR 1973-74" ( REFERENCE SHOULD BE TO " IMPLEMENTING  
CONDITIONS"), COUNCIL HAS RAISED A SOMEWHAT BOGUS ISSUE  
SINCE OUR COUNTERPARTS AT THIS END AND YOURS HAVE FRANKLY  
STATED TO US ( UNOFFICIALLY) THAT WHOLE ISSUE OF TRANSPORT  
COSTS AROSE FROM MINFIN FAILURE TO ALLOCATE HARD CURRENCY.  
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH  
" UNCLEAR ARTICLES" REFERENCE SINCE STATEMENT IS IN A FORMAL  
AND WRITTEN RECORD RE AGREEMENT. TWO POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR  
DEALING WITH THIS ITEM TO MAKE THE ROMANIAN FORMAL WRITTEN  
RECORD COMPLETE ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
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